

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

EASTERN DIVISION

SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT, a) CIVIL ACTION No.:
Delaware general partnership; BMG MUSIC, a)
New York general partnership; ARISTA)
RECORDS LLC, a Delaware limited liability)
company; and UMG RECORDINGS, INC., a)
Delaware corporation,)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

JOHN DOE,)

Defendant.)

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PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR LEAVE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE DISCOVERY

Plaintiffs, through their undersigned counsel, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26 and 45, the Declaration of Jonathan Whitehead, and the authorities cited in the supporting memorandum of law, hereby move this Court for an Order permitting Plaintiffs to take immediate discovery.

In support thereof, Plaintiffs represent as follows:

1. Plaintiffs record companies filed this action for copyright infringement against the Doe Defendant. In order to obtain the identity of the Doe Defendant, Plaintiffs require immediate discovery on a third party Internet Service Provider ("ISP") before the identifying information is destroyed in the ordinary course of business by the ISP.

2. As alleged in the complaint, the Doe Defendant, without authorization, used an online media distribution system to download Plaintiffs' copyrighted works, distribute copyrighted works to the public, and/or make copyrighted works available for distribution to others. Although Plaintiffs do not know the true name of the Doe Defendant, Plaintiffs have identified the Defendant by a unique Internet Protocol ("IP") address assigned to him or her on the date and at the time of the Defendant's infringing activity.

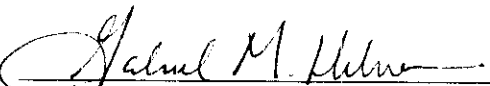
3. Plaintiffs intend to serve a Rule 45 subpoena on the ISP seeking the Defendant's true name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and Media Access Control ("MAC") addresses. Without this information, Plaintiffs cannot identify the Doe Defendant or pursue their lawsuit to protect their copyrighted works from repeated infringement.

4. Good cause exists to allow Plaintiffs to conduct this limited discovery in advance of a Rule 26(f) conference where there is no known defendant with whom to confer.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs move this Court to issue an Order permitting Plaintiffs to conduct the foregoing requested discovery immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

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